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SUBJECT: GRAND POUBARA: CHARLES T. MAIN INTERNATIONAL

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1. COMMERCE PASSED INFO IN REFTEL TO GERARD BLANC, INTERNATIONAL MANAGER, CTMI. HE WAS HIGHLY LAUDATORY OF EMBASSY EFFORTS TO PAVE THE WAY FOR HIS ARRIVAL.

2. BLANC STILL PLANS ARRIVE LIBREVILLE FROM LAGOS JULY 24 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE WEEK BEGINNING JULY 26 TO MEET WITH GOG OFFICIALS, LIGER AND OTHER APPROPRIATE PERSONS. HE ADVISES HE CAN EXTEND HIS STAY "IF THE FISH ARE BITING". DUE TO COMMITMENTS ALREADY MADE IN LIBERIA AND NIGERIA BLANC CANNOT POSTPONE JULY 24 ARRIVAL LIBREVILLE, HOWEVER.

3. BLANC REITERATED STRONG DESIRE MEET WITH PRESIDENT BONGO. THIS SEEMS TO REFLECT TO A LARGE EXTENT BLANC'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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